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AOML Welcomes OAR Outreach Coordinators

AOML will host the Office of Atmospheric Research's (OAR) annual Outreach Coordinators Workshop on April 27-29, 1999. Outreach coordinators from the Environmental Research Laboratories' (ERL) 12 field facilities plus representatives from OAR and ERL Headquarters and the NOAA Constituent Affairs, Legislative Affairs, and Public Affairs offices will attend.

Workshop participants will meet to design more effective strategies for communicating OAR's scientific mission and accomplishments to the public. A three-day program of panel discussions, training sessions, and information exchange sessions has been planned by the Outreach Management Team and Evan Forde, AOML's OAR Outreach Coordinator. Forde stated his intention to ensure that workshop attendees feel welcome and that they leave AOML with an understanding of its research program and its strong level of commitment to the south Florida community.

The OAR Outreach Team guides, cultivates, and directs outreach efforts for the research arm of NOAA. Each outreach coordinator serves as a liaison between his/her laboratory or program and the Outreach Coordinators Team. They also serve as a focal point for outreach information exchange between the NOAA Public Affairs, Constituent Affairs, and Legislative Affairs offices and OAR Headquarters. Outreach activities include efforts that support educational enterprises, community relations, and constituent groups, as well as providing information about OAR to congressional offices.

Secretaries Week
April 19-23, 1999



Close Up Foundation Students Thank AOML

Hialeah Senior High School students Melissa Edwards, Eva Miranda, and Robert Simms gave an enthusiastic presentation to AOML staff members on March 23, 1999 to express their gratitude for the financial support that made possible a much anticipated trip to Washington, D.C. AOML assisted the students, two seniors and a sophomore, by securing funds for the trip from the Environmental Research Laboratory's Equal Employment Opportunity office. The three students traveled to Washington, D.C. to participate in a week-long Close Up Foundation program on March 6-13, 1999.

The Close Up Foundation, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization specializing in citizenship/civics education programs, is based on the concept that people learn best through direct experience. By traveling to Washington, D.C., the students were able to embark upon a learning adventure that took them behind the scenes for a "close up" look at government in action. Highlights of the trip included visits to historical landmarks, museums, and national monuments, a tour of the White House, a meeting with Florida State representative Lincoln Diaz-Balart, and attendance at a press conference with Secretary of State Madeline Albright.

"I gained a more positive outlook of how the government operates," said sophomore Eva Miranda. The experience "changed my life," claimed Melissa Edwards, who plans to study law. But perhaps Robert Simms best described the group's unforgettable experience as simply "awesome."



History teacher Catherine Palmore with Hialeah Senior High School students Melissa Edwards, Eva Miranda, and Robert Simms.



All-Hands Meeting

An all-hands meeting is scheduled for April 6, 1999 at 2:00 p.m in the RSMAS Auditorium to discuss the issue of pay-banding. Speakers will include:

- Louisa Koch, OAR Deputy Assistant Administrator
- John Hanson, OAR Human Resources Division
- Betty Hess, ERL Administrative Officer

The purpose of the meeting is to answer questions, dispel myths and misunderstandings, and address employee concerns.

Recycling at AOML

Here is a summary of items currently being recycled at AOML:

Paper: Newspaper, colored and glossy paper, envelopes, computer paper, copier and typing paper, notepad or scratch paper, *etc.*, are all collected weekly by our Facilities Management staff (every Monday). Keep a box with the word "RECYCLE" written in large letters near your printer or desk.

Batteries: A bin for batteries is located on the first floor near the loading dock.

Aluminum cans: A bin for aluminum cans is located on the fourth floor near the kitchen area (a can crusher is also available for compacting the cans). Bins for aluminum cans will soon be placed on the first, second, and third floors as well.

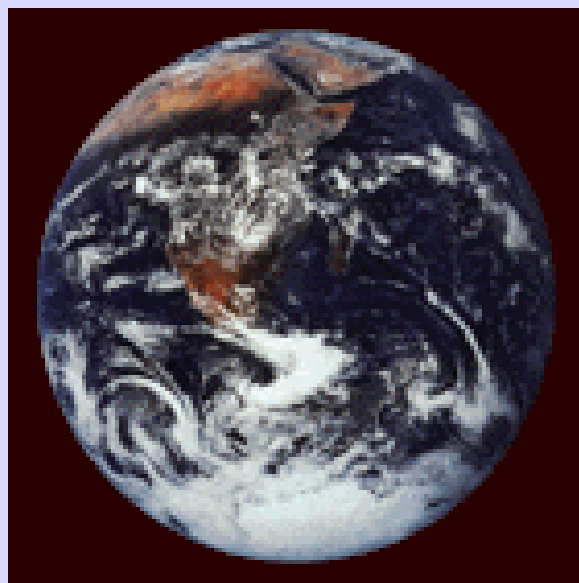
Styrofoam packing material: AOML reuses styrofoam packing material. A bin is located on the first floor near the loading dock for contributions of styrofoam packing material.

Transparencies: A box for used and/or unwanted transparencies is located on the third floor in the computer room.

**"Don't
Lose It...
Reuse It"**



Earth Day



April 22, 1999

In honor of the Earth...

Bins for recycling aluminum cans will be placed on the first, second, and third floors next to the freight elevator

AOML Crandon Park Work Day

Saturday, April 3, 1999

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Volunteers will help remove exotic, invasive plants from Bear Cut Preserve and replace them with native vegetation

Sign-up sheets are in the lobby

**Contact Chris Landsea for more information
(305-361-4357 or landsea@aoml.noaa.gov)**

Congratulations

Howard Friedman, Deputy Director of the Hurricane Research Division, has been appointed to the Organizing Committee for the American Meteorological Society's "Symposium on Education, 1999-2002." Mr. Friedman has also been appointed to the Science Advisory Committee for the Museum of Discovery and Science in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Evan Forde, Oceanographer with the Microwave Remote Sensing Group, won AOML's Design a T-Shirt contest. Mr. Forde's T-shirt design will be worn by AOML staff members participating in the 1999 MS 10K Walk and Corporate Run.

Visiting Scientists

Dr. Timothy Liu, Principal Investigator at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, visited AOML on March 30, 1999 to discuss joint microwave remote sensing projects.

Dr. Joanne Simpson, Chief Scientist for Meteorology at the NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center, will visit AOML on April 13, 1999. Dr. Simpson will present a guest seminar at 10:00 a.m. entitled "Informal remarks about the Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission (TRMM)."

Dr. Stuart Smith, Scientist Emeritus at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography, will visit AOML on April 9, 1999 and present a guest seminar at 3:00 p.m. entitled "CO₂ eddy fluxes in ASGAMAGE" (a European Air-Sea Gas Transfer Project).

Team Members Needed for 1999 MS 10K Walk



AOML 1998 MS Walk Team: Peter Black, Paul Willis, Sam Houston, Claire Black, Frank Marks, Ginger Garte, Sue Friedman, and Howard Friedman.

The 1999 Walk for Multiple Sclerosis will be held April 11, 1999 at George English Park in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Walkers, joggers, runners, and team sponsors are needed for an AOML team. Monies raised from the walk support research into the cure, cause, prevention, and treatment of MS, one of the two most common neurological diseases affecting young adults. Contact Howard Friedman if interested in participating and for additional information at (305) 361-4319 or friedman@aoml.noaa.gov.

"Spring Forward, Fall Back"
Daylight Savings Time begins April 4, 1999



INFORMAL RESEARCH REPORTS: APRIL 1999*

Date	Division	Speaker	Title of Report
April 8, 1999	HRD	Mr. Sim Aberson	Did numerical models fail to predict the track of Hurricane Mitch because of the lack of rawinsonde data over Central America?
April 13, 1999	HRD	Dr. Frank Marks	Recent WSR-88D observations of hurricane atmospheric boundary layer structure at landfall.
April 20, 1999	PhOD	Dr. Chunzai Wang	Role of western Pacific anomaly patterns in ENSO: An observational, numerical modeling, and theoretical study.
April 22, 1999	OCD	Dr. Shari Yvon-Lewis	To be announced.

*All reports begin at 3:00 p.m. in the first-floor conference room.

Travel

Christopher Landsea (HRD) will attend the Applied Insurance Research Conference in Hilton Head, South Carolina, on April 15, 1999 and make a presentation entitled "Atlantic hurricanes: Past, present and future."

Peter Black (HRD) will attend the Fugita Mini Symposium in Chicago, Illinois, on April 14-17, 1999 and review works being considered for the Fugita library collection.

Steven Cook and Gregg Thomas (PhOD) traveled to Long Beach, California, in March, along with David Varillon from ORSTOM-Noumea, to install a new thermosalinograph (TSG) system on the container vessel *Argentine Starr*. This vessel will enhance TSG data collection in the Pacific Ocean with a trackline which includes ports of call in Long Beach, California, New Zealand, and Australia.

Gregg Thomas (PhOD) will participate in a thermosalinograph cruise aboard the container ship *Oleander* on April 9-15, 1999. A SEAS expendable bathythermograph (XBT) transect will also be collected from Ambrose Lighthouse through the Gulf Stream. The *Oleander* maintains a weekly run between Port Elizabeth, New Jersey, and Bermuda. After departing the *Oleander* in Port Elizabeth, Mr. Thomas will participate in a cruise aboard the container vessel *Sealand Crusader* on April 17-20, 1999. The *Sealand Crusader* maintains a weekly run between Port Elizabeth, New Jersey, and San Juan, Puerto Rico. It will collect a high density XBT transect between the two ports. There are plans at this time for a cinematographer from a production company representing the Public Broadcast System (PBS) to ride aboard the *Sealand Crusader* and film a documentary about NOAA's Climate Change and Global Warming Program. The documentary will include a history of oceanography from its earliest years to present-day technology and will appear as part of PBS' Nova and Front-Line series to be aired in early 2000.

AEROBICS CLASS

Monday • Wednesday • Friday
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

1st Floor Conference Room

Contact Ginger Garte
(305-361-4430 or
garte@aoml.noaa.gov)

"Equinox Party"

Thursday, April 15, 1999

RSMAS Commons

2:30 p.m. - ???

Swimming, Volleyball

Refreshments and Food provided

(sponsored by the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Committee)

AOML Rates a "Ten" at Dade County CFC Ceremony

AOML was presented with a "Top Ten" award at the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) awards ceremony held in Miami on March 24, 1999. The award honored AOML's outstanding efforts to support the CFC program and recognized it as one of the top ten federal agency contributors in the Dade County area. Jannette Perez, AOML's Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) coordinator, accepted the award on behalf of the Laboratory.



New OAR Public Affairs Officer Selected

Jana Goldman became the new Public Affairs Officer for the Office of Atmospheric Research in March 1999. Ms. Goldman succeeds Dane Konop, the new editor of *NOAA Report*, OAR's Office of Public Affairs monthly publication. Ms. Goldman should be consulted for guidance and assistance with public affairs-related issues, particularly concerning electronic or print media contacts and/or interviews that may require clearance from OAR Headquarters. Ms. Goldman can be contacted at (301) 713-2425 (extension 143) or at email address patemp@oar31.oar.noaa.gov.

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